

Claims

1. An adjustable cleaner brush, comprising:
 - a handle;
 - a toolhead attached to said handle, said toolhead formed into a C-shaped configuration having at least two opposing inner sides with a nonopposing innerside therebetween, and defining a chain passage recess therewithin, each of said inner sides defining at least one brush block cavity adapted to removably receive a brush block element;
 - adjustment means for moving said brush block elements to vary the dimensions of said chain passage recess; and
 - an opposing cleaning element attached to the end of said handle opposing said toolhead defining at least one brush block cavity adapted to removably receive a brush block element.
2. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 1, wherein said brush block element further comprises:
 - a substantially rectangular base having an upper side, a lower side, and
 - two pairs of substantially parallel edge sides, said base dimensioned for removable insertion into said brush block cavity; and
 - a cleaning member attached to said upper side of said base such that said cleaning member projects into said recess.
3. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 2, wherein said opposing inner sides of said toolhead further comprise:
 - at least a first retaining member having a first ridge depending therefrom; and
 - a parallel, second retaining member having a second ridge depending therefrom, parallel and opposed to said first ridge, to define said brush block cavity.
4. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 3, wherein at least one groove is defined by each side of one of said pairs of parallel edge sides of said base, said grooves being substantially parallel to one another and adapted to receive said first and second ridges, such that, in a first position, said first and second ridges retain said base entirely within said brush block cavity, and, in a second position, said first and second ridges are received by said parallel grooves to retain said base with a part of said base projecting into said recess, thereby varying the dimensions of said chain passage recess.

5. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 3, wherein at least first and second substantially parallel grooves are defined by said upper side of said base, such that said first groove is adapted for complementary interengagement with said first ridge of one of said retaining members, and said second groove is adapted for complementary interengagement with said second ridge of the other of said retaining members.
6. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claims 4 and 5, further comprising first and second projections formed on said opposing inner sides of said toolhead, wherein said projections are adapted for interengagement with complementary notches defined in said parallel-edge sides of said base.
7. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 2, wherein said cleaning member is a plurality of bristles.
8. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 7, wherein said bristles are formed of nylon.
9. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 7, wherein said bristles are formed of metal.
10. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 2, wherein said cleaning member is selected from the group consisting of sponges, meshes, and abrasive materials.
11. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 1, wherein said brush block element is formed of a material that is resistant to oils, solvents, lubricants and cleansing detergents.
12. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 1, wherein said handle defines a hole therethrough.
13. An adjustable cleaner brush, comprising:
a handle;
a toolhead attached to said handle formed into a C-shaped configuration defining a chain passage recess and having at least two opposing inner sides with a non-opposing inner side therebetween;
an opposing cleaning element attached to the end of said handle opposing said toolhead;
at least a first retaining member with a first ridge depending therefrom and at least a parallel, second retaining member having a second ridge depending therefrom and opposed to said first ridge


projecting from each inner side of said toolhead and said opposing cleaning element to define a brush block cavity;

a substantially rectangular base having an upper side, a lower side, and two pairs of substantially parallel edge sides, said base dimensioned for removable insertion into said brush cavity;

a cleaning member attached to said upper side of said base such that said cleaning member projects into said recess,

wherein at least one groove is defined by each side of one of said pairs of parallel edge sides, said grooves being substantially parallel to one another and adapted to receive said first and second ridges, such that, in a first position, said first and second ridges retain said base entirely within said brush block cavity and, in a second position, said first and second ridges are received by said parallel grooves to retain said base with a part of said base projecting into said recess, thereby varying the dimensions of said chain passage recess.

14. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 13, wherein said cleaning member is a plurality of bristles.
15. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 14, wherein said bristles are formed of nylon.
16. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 14, wherein said bristles are formed of metal.
17. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 13, wherein said cleaning member is selected from the group consisting of sponges, meshes, and abrasive materials.
18. The adjustable cleaner brush of Claim 13, wherein said brush block element is formed of a material that is resistant to oils, solvents, lubricants and cleansing detergents.
19. A method for cleaning a drive chain, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a cleaner brush having a C-shaped toolhead defining a chain passage recess and having at least two opposing inner sides with a non-opposing inner side therebetween, each of said inner sides defining a brush block cavity;
 - removably inserting a brush block element having a cleaning member formed thereon into each of said brush block cavities such that said cleaning member projects into said chain passage recess;
 - adjusting the position of said brush block element to vary the dimensions of said chain passage recess to conform to the size of said drive chain;



applying a cleaning solution to said cleaner brush;
scrubbing said chain with said brush;
rinsing said chain with water; and
relubricating said chain.

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